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1. IN LINE WITH REFTEL, ON DECEMBER 1 I ASKED PERMANENT
UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EIGIL
JORGENSEN, TO CONVEY TO FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN
THE DEPARTMENT'S APPRECIATION FOR HIS TIMELY AND TOUGHTFUL
REPORT AND ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. I ALSO
INDICATED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE
BENEFIT OF DANISH INFORMATION ABOUT ANGOLA AND HOPED THAT
THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US ON
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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS INSIDE THAT COUNTRY. JORGENSEN SAID

HE WOULD PASS THIS ON TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND WE COULD BE ASSURED THAT WHENEVER DANES HAVE INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO US, THEY WILL PASS IT ON. I AM SEEING FOREIGN MINISTER NEXT WEEK AND WILL PERSONALLY CONVEY DEPARTMENT'S GRATITUDE TO HIM AT THAT TIME.

2. THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO SHARE WITH US SOME OF HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE EEC SUMMIT MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE NOV 29-30, PARTICULARLY THOSE EMANATING FROM THE CLOSED MEETINGS OF THE EC LEADERS. MOST OF THE INFORMATION WAS GIVEN BY THE MFA'S POLITICAL DIRECTOR, PETER DYVIG, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED PRIME MINISTER TO THE HAGUE.

3. IN AN ATTEMPT TO COUNTER THE PRESENT ECONOMIC DETERIORATION, THE EEC COMMISSION HAS BEEN CHARGED BY THE HEADS OF STATE TO EXAMINE HOW SPECIAL FUNDS SET UP BY THE COMMON MARKET, IN THE AGRICULTURAL, SOCIAL AND REGIONAL SECTORS, COULD BE USED MORE EFFECTIVELY TO STIMULATE THE NATIONAL ECONOMIES.

4. THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT TO HIS COLLEAGUES THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON SOME OF THE MORE PRESSING AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS. BOTH THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER AND HIS IRISH COLLEAGUE COMPAINED ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY THEIR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS ARE ENCOUNTERING IN THE BRITISH MARKET, WHERE THE GERMANS HAD GAINED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE DANES AND IRISH. WHILE THE DANES RECEIVE SOME SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION FROM THE FRENCH, THE BRITISH WERE RELUCTANT TO RAISE PRICES ON THEIR OWN FOODSTUFFS. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT DID NOT HOLD OUT HOPE FOR ANY IMMEDIATE RELIEF ON THIS PROBLEM, BUT THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS SOMETHING COULD BE DONE IN THE FUTURE.

5. AS FOR THE TINDEMANS REPORT, PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN DID NOT THINK THAT THE REPORT WAS "BURIED" AS REPORTED BY THE PRESS. RATHER, IT WAS "SET ASIDE", WITH THE LEADERS OF THE COMMON MARKET AGREEING ON THE

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LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE OF BUILDING A POLITICAL EUROPE AND IN THE MEANTIME ASKING THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND EEC COMMISSIONERS TO REPORT ONCE A YEAR ON WHAT PROGRESS, IF ANY, HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS THAT OBJECTIVE. THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER SHARED THE VIEW OF MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES THAT PROGRESS TOWARDS GREATER EUROPEAN INTEGRATION HAD FLOUNDERED ON THE SLOW RATE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN EUROPE. ONCE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS IMPROVED,

DANES THINK MOVEMENT TOWARD GREATER EC INTEGRATION
WILL BE POSSIBLE AGAIN.

6. THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT THE OTHER
THREE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE EEC LEADERS --
NORTH" SOUTH MEETING, OPEC AND RELATIONS WITH JAPAN
HAD BEEN AMPLY AND ACCURATELY COVERED IN THE PRESS.

7. THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW COMMISSION TO BE LED
BY MR. JENKINS WAS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY AT THE
DINNER FOLLOWING THE FORMAL MEETING AT THE HAGUE. THE
DANISH PRIME MINISTER THOUGHT THAT VISCOUNT DAVIGNON
WAS ACCEPTABLE TO MOST EUROPEANS, BUT THAT IT WAS UP
TO MR. JENKINS TO DECIDE IN WHAT CAPACITY HE WOULD
BE USED BY THE COMMISSION. THE DANES ARE NOT VERY
KEEN ABOUT GUNDELACH TAKING THE AGRICULTURAL JOB,
WHICH IS THE POSITION MOST EUROPEANS WOULD LIKE TO
SEE HIM IN. DANES THINK THIS IS THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL
JOB IN THE COMMISSION AND, WHILE THEY AGREE THAT
GUNDELACH IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED, THEY WOULD PREFER TO
SEE HIM IN A DIFFERENT POSITION. IF MR. JENKINS AND
THE OTHER COUNTRIES INSIST THAT GUNDELACH BE GIVEN THE
AGRICULTURAL PORTFOLIO IN THE COMMISSION, THEN THE
DANES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FISHERIES ADDED TO AGRICULTURE.
THE DANES ARE CONVINCED THAT GUNDELACH HAS THE NECESSARY
ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS TO DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT,
WHICH WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN THE
FUTURE.

8. ON THE QUESTION OF INDIVIDUAL PERSONALITIES, THE
DANISH PRIME MINISTER IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID TO HIS DANISH
COLLEAGUES THAT SOME OF THE SMALLER COUNTRIES NOTED THE
ECONOMIC PREDOMINANCE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE
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FORCEFUL WAY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT DOMINATED THE MEETINGS.
MR. CALLAGHAN REMAINED IN THE BACKGROUND, WHCH THE
DANES THOUGHT WAS LARGEY DUE TO THE BRITISH
PREOCCUPATION WITH THEIR FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, AND THE
IMF LOAN. AS FOR THE FRENCH, GISCARD'S PROPOSAL TO
LIMIT OIL IMPORTS DID NOT GET VERY FAR. THE DANES
NOTED THAT UNLESS THE FRENCH AND ENGLISH ECONOMIES
IMPROVE, THE WEIGHT OF GERMANY IN THE COMMON MARKET
WILL INCREASE FURTHER, SOMETHING THEY ARE UNEASY
ABOUT. MY SOURCES SAID THAT WHILE THE FORCEFUL
GERMAN BEHAVIOR AT THE EEC SUMMIT IS NOT YET A
PROBLEM, IT MAY WELL BECOME ONE IN THE FUTURE.
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